

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on February 1, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 36, 1/26/2017; SB 101, 1/26/2017
Executive Action: SJ 2, SB 101 & SB 36

HEARING ON SJ 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:35 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SJ 2, Study of renewable energy credits in Montana.

00:06:00 Rep. McConnell joined the meeting

00:07:11 Rep. Morigeau joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:14 Laura Andersen, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:09 Vice Chair Hayman

00:10:10 Sen. Connell

00:10:52 Rep. Bishop

00:11:20 Sen. Connell

00:13:20 Chair Zolnikov

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:42 Sen. Connell

00:14:15 Chair Zolnikov

HEARING ON SB 101

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:02 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 101, Repeal ethanol mandate.

EXHIBIT(feh23a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:31 Allen Olsen, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

00:22:51 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers Association (MPMA)

00:23:40 Zack Macquarie, Americans Fort Prosperity

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:16 Rep. Custer

00:25:39 Sen. Richmond

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:37 Sen. Richmond

00:27:36 Recess
00:35:36 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 2

00:36:17 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **SJ 2 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:36:35 Rep. Olsen
00:37:44 Rep. Rosendale
00:37:50 Chair Zolnikov
00:38:10 Rep. Olsen
00:38:20 Chair Zolnikov
00:39:03 Rep. Olsen
00:39:12 Rep. Redfield
00:39:29 Rep. Bishop

00:40:09 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McConnell, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Perry, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy. Rep. A. Knudsen was excused.

00:41:18 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **SB 2 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 101

00:41:57 **Motion:** Rep. Skees moved that **SB 101 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:42:12 Rep. Redfield
00:42:31 Chair Zolnikov

00:42:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy. Rep. Redfield will carry the bill.

00:44:02 Rep. McConnell
00:44:58 Chair Zolnikov

00:45:00 Recess
01:00:35 Reconvened

01:01:10 Chair Zolnikov relinquishes Chair to Vice Chair Hayman

HEARING ON SB 36

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:32 Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on SB 36, Eliminate the electrical licensing exemption for grid-tied generation.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:02:34 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
01:04:03 Doug Hardy, Montana Electric
01:04:45 Gary Forrester, Montana Dakota Utilities (MDU)
01:05:05 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors
01:05:28 Jeff Fox, Renewable Northwest

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:40 Rep. C. Knudsen
01:07:29 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)

Closing by Sponsor:

01:08:09 Rep. Zolnikov

01:09:20 Rep. Zolnikov Resumes Chair

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 36

01:10:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **SB 36 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 15-1 by roll call vote with Rep. C. Knudsen voting no. Rep. A. Knudsen and Rep. Stewart-Peregoy voted by proxy. Rep. Morigeau will carry the bill.

01:11:51 Chair Zolnikov

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 00:12:08

Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh23aad.pdf](#))